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**BROWNSVILLE DIVISION:**

**CRIMINAL DOCKET**

**NO. B-25-257-S1**

FILE: 2025R03682

Superseding Filed: May 22, 2025

INDICTMENT

Filed: April 17, 2025

Judge: Rolando Olivera

COUNTY: CAMERON

**ATTORNEYS:**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

NICHOLAS J. GANJEI, USA

**v.**

MICHAEL HESS, AUSA

JAMES LAEL JENSEN, (YOB: 1956) USA (Cts. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5)

MAXWELL STERLING JENSEN (YOB: 2000) USA (Cts. 1, 2, 3, & 5)

a/k/a "Max"

**CHARGE:** Ct. 1: Money Laundering Conspiracy

Total 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(i) and (h)

Counts Ct. 2: Aid and Abet Smuggling Goods into the United States

( 5 ) 18 U.S.C. §§ 545 and 2

Ct. 3: Aid and Abet Entry of Goods by means of False Statements

18 U.S.C. §§ 542 and 2

Ct. 4: Money Laundering Spending

18 U.S.C. § 1957

Ct. 5: Material Support of Terrorist Organization Conspiracy

18 U.S.C. § 2339B

**NOTICE OF CRIMINAL FORFEITURE**

**PENALTY:** Ct. 1: Not more than 20 years imprisonment, or a fine of not more than \$500,000 or not more than twice the amount of the criminally derived property involved in the transaction, or both; not more than 3 years SRT; and a \$100 Special Assessment.  
Cts. 2&5: Not more than 20 years imprisonment, or a fine of not more than \$250,000, or both; not more than 3 years SRT; and a \$100 Special Assessment.  
Ct. 3: Not more than 2 years imprisonment, or a fine of not more than \$250,000, or both; not more than 3 years SRT; and a \$100 Special Assessment.  
Ct. 4: Not more than 10 years imprisonment, or a fine of not more than \$250,000 or twice the value of the property involved in the transaction, whichever is greater, or both; not more than 3 years SRT; and a \$100 Special Assessment.

In Jail:  
On Bond: X  
No Arrest:  
DEA: Michael Scarano

**P R O C E E D I N G S:**